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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8B201  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in  
the Omaha Metropolitan Statistical Area  
WC Docket No. 04-223  
Notice of Oral and Written Ex Parte Communications

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter to report that on August 26, 2005, the undersigned, representing Cox Communications Inc. ("Cox"), provided the attached responses to staff questions to Jeremy Miller, deputy chief of the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau. A copy of the email covering the responses also is attached to this letter. Much of the information in the responses also was provided to Mr. Miller during separate telephone conversations. The responses were provided separately by email to Michelle Carey, legal advisor to Chairman Martin.

The responses contained information for which Cox seeks confidential treatment pursuant to the *Protective Order* issued in this proceeding. The confidential information is marked "REDACTED" on the attached copy of the responses. The confidential portions of Cox's responses are being filed today with the Secretary's Office under a separate cover.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office on this date and copies of this letter are being provided to Mr. Miller and Ms. Carey.

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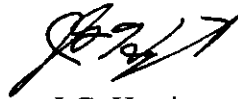
Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.

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Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.G. Harrington", with a stylized flourish at the end.

J.G. Harrington

Counsel to Cox Communications, Inc.

Attachment

cc (w/ attachment): Michelle Carey  
Jeremy Miller

**Harrington, J.G.**

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**From:** Harrington, J.G.  
**Sent:** Friday, August 26, 2005 4:22 PM  
**To:** 'jeremy.miller@fcc.gov'  
**Subject:** CONFIDENTIAL - Qwest petition for forbearance (WC Dkt. No. 04-223) - Responses to staff inquiries

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As you requested, I have attached the responses of Cox Communications, Inc. to the staff's latest inquiries concerning Cox's services in the Omaha MSA. Please note that the numerical data in this response is confidential and subject to the protective order in the above-referenced proceeding.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, Cox will provide notice of this written ex parte communication by the business day following the date of this message. Cox will submit a redacted version of the attachment to the Commission when it files its ex parte notice.

Please inform me if you have any additional questions or if Cox can provide any additional assistance in this proceeding.

***J.G. Harrington***

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## **QWEST OMAHA FORBEARANCE PROCEEDING**

WC DOCKET NO. 04-223

COX RESPONSES TO STAFF INQUIRY – AUGUST 26, 2005

Cox Communications, Inc. ("Cox") has been asked to provide additional information concerning its service to customers in the Omaha MSA in the [REDACTED] wire centers that have [REDACTED] percent or more geographic coverage from Cox facilities, as those wire centers were identified in Cox's June 30, 2005 response to staff questions. Cox notes that this information is highly sensitive, but in the interest of providing the Commission with the information it desires as it considers the issues in this proceeding, Cox responds to the staff inquiry as follows:

(1) Cox does not provide service or track customer locations by wire center because Cox's network does not correspond with Qwest's wire centers. In addition, Cox is not required to make any reports to regulatory agencies on the basis of Qwest wire centers and Qwest does not make information concerning the precise boundaries of its wire centers publicly available. Consequently, the information provided in this response has been approximated by correlating the information Cox has concerning Qwest's wire center boundaries with Cox's internal organization of its customer information.

(2) In the wire centers described above, Cox estimates that its facilities reach [REDACTED] percent of the business locations.

(3) In the wire centers described above, Cox business customers purchase [REDACTED] DS-0 lines, [REDACTED] DS-1 circuits, [REDACTED] DS-3 circuits and [REDACTED] OCN-level circuits.

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